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controlled, (2)
/ does not represent views of Governments; it was developed by Four Power
Working Group on informal and personal basis only for purpose assisting
EMERXN Governments at arriving at eventual decisions.

USRO should concert with British, French and German PermReps with view
to obtaining their agreement on above, and may proceed immediately with
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and German Embassies here of above views.

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